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Reforms

Publication of the report of the Special Officer for Reforms.

* 299 *Q.*—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have decided to place on the table of the Council the information collected by the Special Officer for Reforms for use of the Simon Commission; and

(*b*) whether the Government will place on the table the report of the Provincial Simon Committee?

A.—(*a*) The Special Officers for Reforms prepared 13 pamphlets for the use of the Indian Statutory Commission. As there are not sufficient number of copies and the reprinting would cost much, they cannot be placed on the Council table; but two sets have been kept in the Legislative Council Library for the use of the hon. Members.

(*b*) Copies of the report have already been distributed to the hon. Members of the Council.

Distribution of copies of the Government Memorandum to the Simon Commission.

* 300 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to lay on the table of the House a copy of the memorandum submitted by the Madras Government to the Simon Commission?

A.—Copies of the Memorandum were distributed to the Members of the Legislative Council on 2nd August 1929.

Education

Alleged communal distinction in the Sanskrit College, Tirupati.

* 301 *Q.*—Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the report called for as stated in reply to (*b*) to (*d*) of question No. 1897, answered on 26th March 1929 regarding alleged communal distinction in the Sanskrit College, Tirupati, has been received; and

(*b*) if so, what it is?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Yes. It was reported that 'Vyakaranam' was not taught to the non-Brahman students of the Sanskrit College, Tirupati, but that the management was willing to employ a separate teacher for this purpose, if the number of non-Brahman students was large enough to justify this course.

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO:—"May I know from the hon. the Minister for Education whether this new orientation of orthodoxy is due to the stubbornness of any particular pandit?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN:—"This is a private school maintained by the Mahant out of his funds, and the Government only advised the Mahant in this matter. I am glad to say that he has accepted our recommendation and agreed to appoint another teacher."